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SUBJECT: BORSIG COMPRESSORS FOR HEAVY WATER PLANT

REF: USBERLIN 2414; BONN 12368; STATE 277221

1. DEPT REGRETS THAT QUESTION OF BORSIG'S APPLICATION FOR EXPORT LICENSE FOR HYDROGEN-SULFIDE COMPRESSORS INTENDED FOR INDIAN HEAVY WATER PLANT HAS AGAIN BEEN RAISED IN ALLIED KOMMANDATURA (AK) ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. AS MISSION IS AWARE, USG IS OPPOSED TO EXPORT OF THESE OR SIMILAR COMPRESSORS TO INDIA WITHOUT APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS (STATE 277221). ON THE OTHER HAND, BOTH TO SET USEFUL
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FRG PRECEDENT ON INTERPRETATION OF SUPPLIERS GUIDELINES AND

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TO AVOID CHARGES OF ALLIED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST BERLIN, WE WOULD WISH APPROPRIATE GERMAN AUTHORITIES, NOT AK, TO SQUELCH EXPORT OF COM,RESSORS IF NOT SUBJECT TO SAFEGUARDS. FRG HAS AP,ARENTLY DONE SO INFORMALLY (BONN 12368), PERHAPS TO REDUCE SIGNIFICANCE OF PORSIG CASE AS PRECEDENT AND TO AVOID NEED FOR FORMAL REVERSAL OF SENAT'S INITIALLY FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION.

2. WE REALIZE PRESENT AMBIGUOUS SITUATION IS NOT ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY, BUT WE PREFER RUNNING RISK OF FUTURE CHARGE THAT AK NON-ACTION AS TANTAMOUNT TO REFUSAL TO TAKING ANY ACTION WHICH COULD REAWAKEN HOPEFULLY "INDEFINITELY DORMANT" ISSUE. THUS WE WOULD NOT FAVOR ALLIED INITIATIVE TO GET BONN FORMALLY ON RECORD TO SENAT THAT FRG WOULD NOT PERMIT SUCH AN EXPORT, OR TO PERSUADE BORSIG (OR SENAT) TO WITHDRAW ITS APPLICATION. KISSINGER

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